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# Our Assurance of Eternal Life

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Int. I John 5:1-5.  
Early Chr. courage & boldness was based upon an inner sense: a feeling of blessed assurance - hope - trust - peace.  
Present-day Christians want that same blessing and can have it. John tells us How!

I Blessed Assurance comes with Faith! V.1a.  
 1. Mat. 16:16. Peter had Faith! V.17. Had assurance!  
 2. Paul had this faith. II Tim. 1:12. KNEW! Acts 9:5.  
 3. This Faith was infectious. Acts 4:4 & 13.  
 4. Cannot have this Faith until you have been with Jesus! In Bible study. In worship! In prayer!  
In per. evangelism! In benevolence. In action.

II Blessed Assurance comes in the New Birth. V.1a.  
 1. Faith leads to the New Birth! John 3:3-5.  
 2. We KNOW how thru the WORD! I Pet. 1:23.  
 3. What does Faith do in the New Birth process? Mk. 16:15-16. Leads to baptism! Leads to repentance! Acts 2:38.  
Conc. We can know when we have sincerely believed!  
repented! Confessed! Been Bp! Committed! Rom. 12:1-2?

III Blessed Assurance comes with Love. V.1b, 2, 3.  
 1. Our life shows whether we love God or not! V.3.  
 2. Our life shows whether we love His Children. V.1.  
John 13:35. How know? They WORKED together! Acts 2:43-47.

Also: They elevated & preferred one another  
Rom. 15:1-3. Rom. 12:9-10.

CHILDREN can often teach spiritual lessons best!

STORY: English missionary in China.

Teaching children in the mission school.

Ah Fun, the youngest in the class, led the

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for several sessions---by very hard work.

Stayed at the head of the class. In spelling one day, he missed a word. The boy next to him spelled it right and earned the right to the HEAD spot in the class. However, he refused to take it. He said, "No. Me not go! Me not make Ah Fun solly!"

This sweet self-denial was observed by a mother observing the class who said, "He do all the same as Jesus' Golden Rule!"

a case of true love. I Cor. 13:4-7. Love is the Born again spirit which elevates others by faith!

IV Blessed Assurance comes when we truly have overcome the world. V.4-5.

1. Paul knew he had overcome the world! Rom. 8:28. Knew all events were working toward his sal. + many others!  
Phil. 1:19-26.

2. He learned assurance under all conditions. Phil. 4:10-13.

3. Paul had complete assurance of his eternal life. II Tim. 4:6-8.

NOTE: We need to heed Paul's exhortation in I Cor. 11:1.....

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HIS WAY WAS A MORE THAN AVERAGE WAY!!!!  
STORY: Two believers discussing Paul's salvation.

1st: "Wasn't it blessed that Paul was safe IN the arms of Jesus!"

2nd: "Yes, but he was more blessed than that!"

1st: "How be more blessed than safe IN the arms."

2nd: "He was saved AS an arm of Jesus! Eph. 5:30

"For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones..."

YOUR BLESSED ASSURANCE TODAY LIES IN YOUR BEING SAFE "IN" THE ARMS OF JESUS....AND SAFE "AS" AN ARM OF Jesus! Come to Jesus now as we sing!!!